Government policy to disinvest 74% of its holding in the generality of PSUs which are not operating in the strategic areas.

Review of Ban on Entry of Foreign Media

†*46. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review the Cabinet decision of 1955 with regard to ban on entry of foreign media;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) what will be the nature of the review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The Government has no proposal to review the Cabinet decision of 1955 with regard to the ban on the entry of foreign media in the news and current affairs category. The Government has several times in the past reviewed this policy and decided not to open this sector for direct investment. With regard to publication of scientific and technical journals, some requests have been made to the Government and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is seeking the views of all related Ministries in this regard. However, no decision to change the 1955 policy has been taken by the Government even in this category.

Industrial projects from Maharashtra pending for clearance

*47. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial projects from Maharashtra lying pending for Central clearance, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of cost of each industrial project;

(c) whether additional information has been sought from the State Government/organisations concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement

S. No	Name of the Party	Date of Application	Proposed Investment (In lakhs)	Location	Item of manufacture	Reason for applying for LOI/IL.	Input required for disposal
1	IDL Industries Ltd.	3.12.97	115.00	Chandrapur, Maharashtra	Industrial Explosives	Compulsory License	The requisite clearance from public safety angle has not yet been received for submission of the case to the LC.
2	Navbharat Expl. (P) Ltd.	30.03.99	144.00	Chandrapur Maharashtra	Site Mixed Bulk Explosives	-do-	-do-
3	Ashapura Garments Pvt. Ltd.	29.10.99	559.00	Navyug Industrial Estate, Greater Mumbai	Readymade Garments	SSI Reserved	LC has recommended the case for grant of LOI subject to location clearance from State Government. State Government's comments are awaited.
4	Pee Vee Textiles Pvt. Ltd.	31.12.99	420.00	Wardha. Maharashtra	Synthetic Textiles	-do-	In the final stage of clearance.

LOI : Letter of Intent
IL : Industrial License
LC : Licensing Committee.